

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO**

January 12, 2016

WORK SESSION Regarding a Presentation on Broadband at 6:00 PM

Present for the work session: Mayor Joel Benson, Trustees Keith Baker, David Volpe, Phillip Puckett, Eric Gibb, and Duff Lacy, Town Administrator Brandy Reitter, IT Administrator Larry Deffenbaugh, Town Treasurer Mike Hickman, Principal Planner Mark Doering, Public Works Director Greg Maggard, Fire Chief Dixon Villers and Town Clerk Janell Sciacca.

Town Administrator Reitter introduced the topic and thanked Town IT Administrator Larry Deffenbaugh for all his assistance. Reitter presented a PowerPoint slideshow explaining what broadband is and how it can benefit the Town. She pointed out that the goal is to pursue a Virtual Network for Town which would eliminate the Town sharing bandwidth with residents, businesses and visitors thereby providing access to all Town Facilities and Parks. Reitter explained 4 levels of Service: 1. Integration of Town locations; 2. Wireless access for Town operations; 3. Cost effective internet to local businesses; and 4. Internet access for Town residents. She then explained the benefits of each service level and then introduced Matt Anderson of Affiniti. Anderson, along with Chip White of Affiniti who was appearing by telephone, explained how they enable partners in collaboration for long term benefits and presented on how the Town can take further advantage of broadband. Reitter advised the Board that DOLA has approximately \$30 million available for governments seeking to provide broadband services. She then reviewed examples of operations benefits for each of the Town's Departments and voiced the importance of making sure the Town's needs are met. Anderson and White addressed Board inquiries about topographical interference, equipment design and lifespan and backhaul. Upon completion of the presentation, the Board voiced general approval of the concept and Reitter suggested bringing another work session back to the Board focusing on the related costs.

The work session ended at 6.59 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER 00:27

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at the Buena Vista Community Center, Pinon Room, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Mayor Joel Benson.

II. ROLL CALL 00:42

Town Clerk Janell Sciacca proceeded with the roll call and declared a quorum. Present were Mayor Benson and Trustees Keith Baker, Eric Gibb, Duff Lacy, Phillip Puckett and David Volpe.

Town Staff present were Administrator Brandy Reitter, Attorney Jefferson Parker (by phone), Police Chief Jimmy Tidwell, Fire Chief Dixon Villers, Principal Planner Mark Doering, Public Works Director Greg Maggard, Treasurer Mike Hickman, Clerk Janell Sciacca, Management Analyst Emily Katsimpalis and IT Director Larry Deffenbaugh.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 00:58

Mayor Benson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. AGENDA ADOPTION 01:28

Benson advised the Board and viewing public that Item G would be removed until after the Town's April Election. Town Attorney Parker advised that these types of ordinances typically occur if the voters approve the related Ballot Measure in April. Parker further explained the process and possible risks of adopting such an ordinance prior to the voters deciding on whether or not to allow for the Retail Marijuana establishments.

Motion #1 by Trustee Lacy, seconded by Trustee Puckett, to adopt the Agenda as amended with Item G being removed. **Motion carried, 5-0.**

V. CONSENT AGENDA 10:40

A. Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – December 8, 2015
2. Beautification – November 5, 2015
3. Planning & Zoning – December 2, 2015
4. Planning & Zoning – December 16, 2015
5. Recreation Board – November 4, 2015
6. Trails Board – December 1, 2015
7. Tree Board – December 3, 2015

B. Police Chief Report

C. Fire Chief Report

D. Town Clerk Election Update Report

E. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #1, Series 2016, entitled "**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THE PLACE FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICES CONCERNING THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, AND ADVISORY BOARDS.**"?

F. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #2, Series 2016, entitled "**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, REAFFIRMING THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS.**"?

G. Main Street Memorandum of Understanding.

H. Final Draft of Financial Policies.

Motion #2 by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Volpe, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried, 5-0.**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT 11:06

Wendell Pryor, 139 Mesa Circle, Salida. Pryor thanked the Trustees and Town Administrator Reitter for the Broadband presentation. He noted that a Regional Plan on broadband exists and he served on the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments during development of that plan. He noted his involvement since inception and remarked it is has been his #1 priority as the Economic Development Director of Chaffee County. Pryor encouraged that Staff get involved with upcoming meetings and conferences around the State regarding broadband and maybe even look at a local Task Force or Study Group.

Maisie Ramsay, 210 LA Plata, Poncha Springs. Ramsay appeared representing Colorado Central Telecom. She introduced Colorado Central Telecom noting the company currently serves over 1,800 customers in Chaffee County and the San Luis Valley including Monarch Mountain, the City of Salida and Mt. Princeton Hot Springs. The company also serves roughly 635 customers in the Town of Buena Vista including some Town facilities. The company expanded very rapidly and experienced growing pains which were addressed by a major overhaul that was completed in late fall. Ramsay stated they were committed to bridging the digital divide in Buena Vista. The local internet provider is a Buena Vista company with 8 local employees and is able and willing to work with the Town to improve and provide fast reliable internet service. CCT acquired Matrix Internet Services over the summer and has also signed a wholesale contract with CenturyLink to light up a fiber vac hole connection from Buena Vista all the way to Denver which will provide up to 10GB of true redundancy for Chaffee County customers by the end of March. Ramsay offered to bring a complete presentation about the company at a future meeting.

Dan Hamme, 29383 Creek Trail, Buena Vista. Hamme addressed items C. and J. He noted that his business is a neighbor to 206 E. Main and he supported the request citing the apartments would provide for additional affordable housing in the community. Hamme then addressed item J. asking the Board to keep the matter clear, concise and to the point. He also briefly addressed the proposed resolution related to an Occupation Tax noting that Natural Mystic was in full support of an additional tax that supports

Town and the community, but that it is fair based upon understanding of the laws and industry. Hamme volunteered to answer any questions and encouraged a percentage that is fair across the board for everyone instead of a straight transaction fee. Hamme also asked to be treated fairly on the transfer of unprocessed marijuana. He felt a fee was discriminatory and asked that it be removed citing the bakery and the distillery transferring products from the back of their stores to the front as similar examples where fees aren't assessed.

VII. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT 22.27

Mayor Benson thanked Pryor for the history on broadband, Ramsay for the introduction of her business and Hamme for his comments on 206 E. Main and marijuana related matters.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS 22:45

- A. PUBLIC HEARING** – Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #3, Series 2016, entitled **"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 127 HILL STREET, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO."**? 25:35

Mayor Benson introduced Item A. Principal Planner Doering presented advising the Board that the Planning Department changed its Staff Report format and is now providing the Board with a one page cover memo along with the exact same Staff Report that was provided to the Planning & Zoning Commission. He noted this was being done for brevity, but also to allow the Board to see what was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Doering provided an overview of the request including a PowerPoint slideshow. He noted that the address in the original request was 420 School Street and with the addition of the 2nd unit it is now 127 Hill Street, but due to a requested a change by the applicant the new unit will be 410 School Street. He then reviewed the Project Analysis and advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request for relief from the conditions of the previously approved Special Use Permit and Variance.

Mayor Benson opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM. The applicant did not have a presentation and advised the Board she was excited to have an open house and happy to answer any questions. There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Lacy stated that if this request had been presented differently the first time, things would have been different.

Motion #3 by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Gibb, to approve Resolution #3 as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- B. PUBLIC HEARING** – Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #4, Series 2016, entitled **"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPROVING TWO VARIANCES FROM THE FRONT AND REAR SETBACKS FOR 602 W. MAIN STREET, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO."**? and should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #5, Series 2016, entitled **"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AT 602 W. MAIN STREET, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO."**? 34:55

Mayor Benson introduced Item B. Principal Planner Doering provided an overview of the request including a PowerPoint slideshow. He reviewed the Project Analysis advising the Board that the application meets or exceeds all subject criteria and standards for both requests. Doering advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval with two conditions for the Special Use Permit and none for the Variance.

Mayor Benson opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM. There being no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Baker asked if the garage was coming down. Doering said that was correct. Baker also asked about the intent of the fence? The applicant Barb Zucker advised that she had not thought about what to do with the fence, but would do what was allowed and did want to close off the yard to deer. Benson inquired about the code section that addresses setbacks noting he was not able to locate that information. Doering believed it was in the definitions, but did not have it in front of him.

Motion #4 by Trustee Gibb, seconded by Trustee Puckett, to approve Resolution #4 as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion #5 by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Lacy, to approve Resolution #5 as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

C. PUBLIC HEARING – Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #6, Series 2016, entitled **“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 206 E. MAIN STREET, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO.”**? 49:30

Mayor Benson introduced Item C. Principal Planner Doering provided an overview of the request including a PowerPoint slideshow. He reviewed the Project Analysis and noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit with 3 conditions. Gibb inquired if there is a minimum square footage for this kind of unit. Doering replied not for multi-family units, but that for an Accessory Dwelling Unit that minimum is 400 sf. and maximum is 850 sf. Gibb also inquired about the size of the proposed units. Doering deferred to the applicant.

Mayor Benson opened the Public Hearing at 7:59 PM. Applicant Court Johnson was present to address questions. Daniel Hamme, 29383 Creek Trail, stated his support for the request and requested that when the stairwell is addressed that access to his roof be eliminated for security reasons. There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

The applicant Court Johnson, 109 E. Main Street, and his architect Sarah Whittington, 333 Maxwell, Salida, were present. Whittington replied that the applicant is looking at 5 units with sizes ranging from around 400-800 sf. She added that the entire property is being upgraded including fire suppression in the Lariat. Johnson addressed the stairs noting his desire to cooperate fully to help meet the Town's needs.

Motion #6 by Trustee Lacy, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve Resolution #6 as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

D. PUBLIC HEARING – Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #7, Series 2016, entitled **“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR 102 RED TAIL BOULEVARD, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO.”**? 1:04:23

Mayor Benson introduced Item D. Principal Planner Doering provided an overview of the request including a PowerPoint slideshow. He reviewed the Project Analysis noting that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the application for the Variance.

Mayor Benson opened the Public Hearing at 8:11 PM. There being no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Gibb commented that adoption of an updated Code would eliminate these types of requests. Doering replied that occasionally there will still be need for Variances to address mistakes such as the one in this application, but changes are being considered to provide Staff administrative responsibilities to handle small variances. Benson restated his desire to see the code section that addresses corner lots.

Motion #7 by Trustee Puckett, seconded by Trustee Volpe, to approve Resolution #7 as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

E. PUBLIC HEARING – Should the Board approve adoption of Ordinance #1, Series 2016, entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MINOR, INTERMEDIATE AND MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS.”? 01:13:15

Mayor Benson introduced Item E. Principal Planner Doering advised that these regulations were created to make sure properties can be sold and developed and have been required since 1975 to protect the public. Doering advised that he has become aware of at least three developments where deeds were simply recorded in Chaffee County and now the owner of the property is being penalized. This is a “Development Band-Aid” that will be incorporated as part of a major overhaul of the Unified Development Code and will result in streamlining public hearings required for commercial, multifamily and small residential developments. Doering reviewed a PowerPoint Slideshow detailing the proposed changes for both Minor and Major developments along with the removal of Intermediate definitions.

Mayor Benson opened the Public Hearing at 8:23 PM. There being no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Gibb inquired if the infrastructure requirements included in the Minor subdivision regulations were the protection from keeping a large development from being a Minor subdivision. Doering agreed noting that installation of public improvements would require an agreement between the developer and the Town. Reitter reminded the Board that such agreements do come to the Board for approval. Benson asked that BMPs in section 18G be written out. Doering agreed that best management practices would be written in. Benson also requested the addition of the wording “and the complete street policy” in Section 22 following comprehensive plan. Town Attorney Parker agreed that it was fine to add that wording. Baker thanked Doering for his initiative and taking charge on this. Baker believes it is important to exercise oversight to make sure the citizens are protected from unscrupulous people that may be out there. Doering advised that it is hard to deny a subdivision application if it meets the criteria. He advised that many towns do not bring these applications to a Board at all because engineers review the plans. Baker inquired if there was anything that could be done as a failsafe to make sure a developer doesn't just record something with Chaffee County. Gibb suggested the need for an agreement with the County for a notification process. Doering reminded the Board that plats for subdivisions within the Town do require signatures of approval on them by the Board of Trustees prior to recording.

Motion #8 by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Gibb, to approve Ordinance #1 as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

F. History Colorado Historic Structure Assessment Contract. 1:34:35

Mayor Benson introduced Item F. Management Analyst Katsimpalis informed the Board that grant is for \$10,150 with no match required by the Town in order to complete the historic structure assessment. She reported that the Town will work with Scheuber Darden architects once the contract is executed. The building is on a long term lease with the School District and could potentially become a facility for Recreation. Gibb commended Staff and Katsimpalis on the project. He noted he was not completely on board with going forward even if there is historical benefit and doesn't feel this project is high on School's list of strategic objectives and priorities. Gibb felt further evaluation and discussion was needed between the Board and the School noting that just because it can be done doesn't necessarily mean it should be.

Motion #9 by Trustee Gibb, seconded by Trustee Puckett, to approve the contract with History Colorado as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board of Trustees took a recess at 8:40PM and was back in session at 8:48PM.

G. Should the Board approve adoption of Ordinance #2, Series 2016, entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE BUENA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS”? (Tabled Until After April 5, 2016 Town Election)

H. Should the Board approve adoption of Ordinance #3, Series 2016, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 6-65 OF THE BUENA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES**"? 01:49:28

Mayor Benson introduced Item H. Town Attorney Parker reviewed the history on this matter advising the Board that the Ordinance adopts the same language in the proposed Retail Marijuana regulations and clarifies that off-premise signs are not allowed. Language was also changed to reflect that advertising is allowed as per state law but there may not be any visible uses of symbols of marijuana outside the business other than the permitted signage which makes the Retail and Medical Marijuana regulations consistent. Gibb questioned if the same argument made earlier about not passing the Retail Marijuana Ordinance until after the election applied here citing that if the voters do not approve it, the regulations would be moot and shouldn't this Ordinance also be put off until after the election. Lacy also noted that in the second Whereas it does say "if the ballot question passes." Gibb suggested holding off on Ordinance #3 until after the election.

Motion #10 by Trustee Lacy, seconded by Trustee Volpe, to table Ordinance #3 until after April 5, 2016 election. **Motion carried 5-0.**

I. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #8 Series 2016, entitled "**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING AN ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES AND RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA AT THE CITY'S APRIL 5, 2016 REGULAR ELECTION**"? 01:55:53

Mayor Benson introduced Item I. Parker suggested amending the Resolution to add "and should the regulations be as set forth in the Draft Ordinance entitled _____ as approved by the Trustees, but not formally adopted on December 8" following the word constitution. Trustee Gibb inquired where the public could locate copies of the proposed regulations. Reitter suggested it be available on the website. The Board agreed. Reitter also suggested Staff would email the Draft Ordinance to the Board who could then forward it on to anyone who asked for it.

Motion #11 by Trustee Gibb, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve Resolution #8 as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

J. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #9 Series 2016 entitled "**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TWO BALLOT ISSUES REGARDING AN OCCUPATION TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA AT THE TOWN'S APRIL 5, 2016 REGULAR ELECTION**"? 02:00:00

Mayor Benson introduced item J. Lacy inquired why some statutory towns (Fraser, Redcliff, Ouray) have excise taxes instead of occupation taxes and why Buena Vista cannot do the same thing. Parker reviewed his sources and stated possibly these excise taxes were being allowed because no one has objected. After further discussion, Benson invited Daniel Hamme to address the Board. Hamme stated that he and his Attorney's research found that TABOR is explicit on how taxes are gathered and requires this be put to a vote. Gibb stated his preference was to have a percentage if legal and if it doesn't involve an enormous amount of legal and staff time because the revenue would potentially be larger. Lacy indicated the occupation tax may limit. Parker indicated this issue is unrelated to TABOR, but instead covered under the Statutes governing Statutory towns. Parker advised the Board that he would look into it. After discussion relative to TABOR and ballot finalization deadlines, Mayor Benson suggested tabling Resolution #9 to January 26, 2016 until the questions raised are answered. Parker advised that the Board could also pass the Resolution and then make changes later if necessary, but he was almost 100% positive the Board could not do an excise tax. Baker suggested that Hamme's research indicated a potential loophole existed in Amendment 64 which might allow the Town to pursue the excise tax instead of the occupation tax at the upcoming election. Parker will conduct additional research. Benson encouraged Hamme to share his information with Reitter and Parker.

Motion #12 by Trustee Puckett, seconded by Trustee Lacy, to table Resolution #9 to January 26, 2016. **Motion carried 5-0.**

K. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #10 Series 2016 entitled "A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING THE TOWN'S AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA AT THE TOWN'S APRIL 5, 2016 REGULAR ELECTION"? 02:15:33

Benson introduced Item K. Reitter reviewed her Staff Report and the potential benefits and then recommended approval of Resolution #10 as presented. Gibb stated his feeling that in this rural environment if the Town doesn't get involved, these things just don't get done and he supports the change. Baker inquired if this is required in order to accomplish what was presented earlier in the work session. Reitter replied it was.

Motion #13 by Trustee Puckett, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve Resolution #10 as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

L. Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #11 Series 2016 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, APPOINTING A NEW TOWN CLERK"? 02:20:12

Mayor Benson introduced item L.

Motion #14 by Trustee Lacy, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve Resolution #11 as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

M. Discussion of Branding, Marketing & Wayfinding. 02:21:25

Mayor Benson introduced item M and briefly reviewed the history. Puckett challenged the Board that an end game be defined if the Board opens this to additional logos. Benson believed additional good direction would need to be provided to Norris. Gibb thought may be more time was needed. Baker stated a good plan today is better than a perfect plan too late.

Reitter noted 79 pages of logos were considered. Lacy stated that it is what you sell and he likes "Surround Yourself." Gibb proposed a compromise to not go beyond what the Board already has looked at. Lacy agreed the Board should not to start over and he was impressed with the Norris plan. Katsimpalis reminded the Board that the logo is only one part of the brand. Following additional discussion, Reitter suggested a prioritization ranking by the Board. Mayor Benson suggested, and the Board agreed, to take a look at the final 3 logos and tag lines at an informal breakfast on the first Friday in February at 7AM at Jan's. Benson asked Sciacca to post notice and requested Reitter provide the Board the tag lines along with color copies of the logos for the breakfast meeting.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Town Administrator 02:35:35

- February 4, 2016 is an Intergovernmental Meeting at Sangre De Cristo Electric at 6:00 PM.
- February 16, 2016 is the Board's off-site Strategic Planning Work Session at 6:30 PM
- Town was awarded Charge Ahead Colorado Grant for \$12,250 for two Level II electrical charging stations.
- 2015 Annual Report presented as part of packet.
- Staff met with South Main on December 17, 2015 regarding outstanding development requirements.
- Staff met with new County Emergency Manager.
- January 6, 2016 was Staff's first quarterly StradOps meeting.
- Recreation Event Center Feasibility Study Final Report to be distributed to Staff mid-January.
- Lake Placid Hockey Rink will be installed by end of January 2016.
- Source Water Protection Plan Public Hearing will be February 9, 2016.
- February 3-6, 2016 is Colorado Preservation, Inc. Conference and Town will send Main Street members with scholarship money.
- The Board agreed to add a discussion about a Regional Housing Authority to the January 26, 2016 meeting agenda.

- January 11, 2016 was Main Street Board of Directors Meeting.
- Module One of UDC is being reviewed by Steering Committee and Module Two will be coming to Staff at the end of January
- January 14, 2016 Staff will meet with Mt. Princeton to discuss potential of a recreation programming partnership regarding a community swimming pool for BV residents.
- A report and proposal was presented on converting Planning Interns into a Planning FTE.

Motion #15 by Trustee Puckett to direct Staff to follow converting Planning Interns to a Planning FTE. Roll call vote: Baker, Aye; Gibb, Aye; Lacy, Aye; Puckett, Aye; Volpe, Aye. **Carried 5-0.**

- Colorado Preservation, Inc. is asking legislature to consider historic preservation themed license plate and Board will have opportunity to sign a petition at the January 26, 2016 meeting.

Town Treasurer 03:00:12

- Town spent \$291,000 since last meeting including two payrolls.
- Large expenditures include jet fuel, fire department purchases, well payments and a vehicle for public works.
- Last two months sales tax returns reported. Last 9 months sales tax has exceeded 2014 numbers with October showing a downward turn consistent with past 3 years of October figures. Figures are up \$165,000 over 2014 for both Town and County.

Public Works Director 03:02:05

- Monthly calculated loss is trending down and Maggard is working on figuring out variables.
- Water Fill Station is complete and Staff is waiting training the week of January 25. Station will be up and running by end of January or beginning of February.
- Radiocarbon Dating Report received for BV Fire Pit. There are further tests that can be done relative to fuels used and foods eaten. Options are to excavate or bury back in place.
- Well house near Fire Pit will have to be moved. The Board generally agreed to support additional costs to relocate the well house. Maggard will get with contractor and put together a change order with costs to bring back to the Board.

Motion #16 by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Lacy, to approve the fee waiver for Young at Heart for use of the Community Center Aspen Room for their monthly potluck meetings. **Motion carried, 5-0.**
03:12:50

X. DISCUSSION 03:13:00

Baker noted that Chaffee County Times reported that County Road Superintendent Mark Stacy is working on the budget for road improvements which includes roads 321 and 317. Both Baker and Reitter spoke to Commissioner Giese who noticed the Town had money budgeted for engineering and Giese said no engineering was necessary. Next week is a walk around at 10AM. Maggard indicated he was meeting with Stacy January 13. County plan is to complete 317 quickly with 321 being done in phases. Baker asked Hickman if he was aware of GASB Statement 77 relative to tax abatements. Hickman stated he was and the only one the Town has is with True Value Hardware. Baker also reported the Transportation Bill passed over the holidays. He then noted that the Chaffee County Times was reporting the Town of Buena Vista had a 51/49 split against Marijuana in the Town and the Board always thought it was the other way around. Reitter read information from the Chaffee County Clerk & Recorder reporting that of the 15 precincts in the County, 7 and 8 have the most registered voters for the Town of Buena Vista and in precinct 7 there were 571 for and 505 against while precinct 8 had 326 for and 301 against. Baker inquired about candidates for the Town Board. Reitter replied there were two.

Mayor Benson asked Sciacca to send the Trustees a list of meetings for the February Advisory Board so that the Trustees could go to as many of them as possible. Mayor Benson also asked the Board to consider a change in the agenda format to allow for a Policy Governance item at the beginning of their meetings after the Consent Agenda. The item would have a capped time and Public Comment would start at 7:35PM. If agreed on this would start with the first meeting agenda in February.

Lacy stated his concern about people being able to access the roof of Natural Mystic from Town Hall. He also asked about an 800 number of CDOT for residents and business owners to contact them with concerns about the upcoming Highway 24 work. Maggard reported that CDOT would be hosting a series of public meetings and they would have a designated PR person. Maggard noted he would be obtaining business cards for the CDOT contact and would distribute them to the Board. Maggard also stated that he is meeting with CDOT January 27 to discuss a meeting schedule and that CDOT assured him the intersection of Highway 24 and Main would be open at all times during the project.

Reitter advised the Board that Staff was proposing a joint work session with Planning & Zoning Commission on January 26 in order to review the Land Use Code.


XI. ADJOURNMENT 03:21:52

Motion #17 by Trustee Puckett, seconded by Trustee Lacy, noting that there being no further business to come before the Board, declared that the meeting adjourned at 10:24 PM. **Motion carried, 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted:



Janell Sciacca, CMC
Town Clerk



Duff Lacy, Mayor Pro Tem